

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 1, please delete the following:

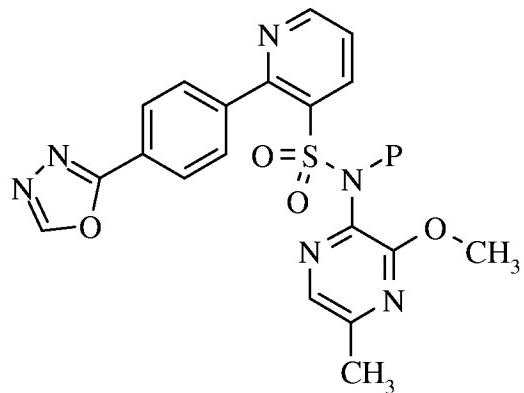
- CHEMICAL PROCESS -

and replace it with the following:

-- PROTECTED FORMS OF N-(3-METHOXY-5-METHYLPYRAZIN-2-YL)-2-(4-[1,3,4-OXADIAZOL-2-YL]PHENYL)-PYRIDINE-3-SULPHONAMIDE --

On page 18, please replace the first (and only) paragraph after the word "ABSTRACT" with the following:

-- The invention relates to compounds such as



where P is a nitrogen-protecting group, and to processes for preparing these compounds. --